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SUBJ: SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE: UNSCEAR ITEM

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1. SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE TOOK UP UNSCEAR ITEM
OCT. 30. FRANCE INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION, TEXT
OF WHICH IS GIVEN BELOW, EXPLAINING ITS WOULD BE WITH-
DRAWN IF AUSTRALIA AND CO-SPONSORS OF ANOTHER DRAFT
RESOLUTION (TEXT ALSO GIVEN BELOW) COULD ACCEPT TWO
AMENDMENTS TO THEIR OPERATIVE PARA (2), NAMELY, DELETION
OF "WITH CONCERN" AND INSERTION OF "SLIGHT" BEFORE
WORDS "RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION".

2. AUSTRALIA, IN INTRODUCING ITS RESOLUTION, SAID IT
WOULD CONSIDER FRENCH AMENDMENTS CAREFULLY BUT IT SEEMED
UNLIKELY FROM TONE OF INTERVENTIONS BY AUSTRALIA AND
TWO OF ITS CO-SPONSORS, NEW ZEALAND AND PHILLIPINES,
THAT FRENCH AMENDMENTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. MEANWHILE SOVIET DELEGATION HAD PRIVATELY PROPOSED
TO AUSTRALIA ITS OWN AMENDMENT OF OPERATIVE PARA (2),
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UNDER WHICH FULL PARA WOULD READ, "NOTES WITH CONCERN

THAT THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS SINCE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE LAST REPORTED." SOVIETS TOLD US AND MANY OTHERS THEY WERE UNHAPPY WITH IMPLICATION IN AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONTAMINATION FROM UNDERGROUND TESTS. AUSTRALIANS MAY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET SUGGESTION AND ARE CONSULTING WITH THEIR CO-SPONSORS.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ON AUSTRALIAN DRAFT IF ITS IS AMENDED AS SOVIETS PROPOSE.

5. NEXT MEETING OCT. 31 P.M.

QUOTE:

FRANCE: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 913 (X) OF 3 DECEMBER 1955, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT,

REAFFIRMING THE DESIRABILITY OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CONTINUING ITS WORK,

CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE HEALTH OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS RESULTING FROM THE LEVELS OF RADIATION TO WHICH MAN IS EXPOSED,

RECALLING THAT, AS IS RECOGNIZED IN RESOLUTION 2905 (XXVII) OF 17 OCTOBER 1972, THE COMMITTEE CAN BECOME AN ELEMENT OF VALUE IN THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME,

CONSCIOUS OF THE CONTINUED NEED FOR COMPILING INFORMATION ABOUT ATOMIC RADIATION AND FOR ANALYSING ITS EFFECTS ON MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT,
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1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION (A/9632);

2. COMMENDS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS MADE SINCE ITS INCEPTION TO WIDER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS OF

ATOMIC RADIATION;

3. REQUESTS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, INCLUDING ITS CO-ORDINATING ACTIVITIES, TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION FROM ALL SOURCES, AND TO CONTINUE ITS CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME;

4. REQUESTS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IN PARTICULAR TO CONTINUE, AT ITS TWENTH-FOURTH SESSION, TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1975, TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE LEVELS, EFFECTS AND RISKS OF RADIATION FROM ALL SOURCES AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK AND THE DISSEMINATION OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE:

AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, GHANA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NEW ZELAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES AND SWEDEN AND SINGAPORE: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 913 (X) OF 3 DECEMBER 1955, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 3154 (XXVIII),

REAFFIRMING THE DESIRABILITY OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUING ITS WORK,

CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS RESULTING FROM THE LEVELS OF RADIATION TO WHICH MAN IS EXPOSED,

CONSCIOUS OF THE CONTINUED NEED FOR COMPILING INFORMATION ABOUT ATOMIC RADIATION AND FOR ANALYSING ITS EFFECTS ON MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT,

RECALLING THAT, AS IS RECOGNIZED IN RESOLUTION 2905 (XXVII) OF 17 OCTOBER 1972, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CAN BECOME AN ELEMENT OF VALUE IN THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME,

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE NOTED THAT

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION FROM NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
NEEDED TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF BOTH FUTURE
DATA AND OF INCREASED KNOWLEDGE OF THE MECHANISMS THROUGH
WHICH RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SPREADS IN THE ENVIRONMENT
AND IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE HUMAN BODY,

NOTING THE INTENTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE
IN ITS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT ITS THIRTY-
SECOND SESSION, A REVIEW OF GENETIC AND SOMATIC EFFECTS
OF IONIZING RADIATION, ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOACTIVITY,
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE AND MEDICAL IRRADIATION,

1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF
ATOMIC RADIATION;

2. NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT FURTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS
HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTS
AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION
FROM THIS SOURCE SINCE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE LAST REPORTED;

3. NOTES THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED AN
INTERIM PROCEDURE FOR SETTING UP A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM
AMONG ITS MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION 3154 (XXVIII);

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4. COMMENDS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE VALUABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS MADE SINCE ITS INCEPTION TO WIDER
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS
OF ATOMIC RADIATION;

5. REQUESTS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK
INCLUDING ITS IMPORTANT CO-ORDINATING ACTIVITIES, TO INCREASE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION
FROM ALL SOURCES;

6. NOTES THE INTENTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO HOLD
ITS TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1975 AT HEADQUARTERS;

7. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
FELT THAT ITS WORK COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THAT IT EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT ACTIVE CO-OPERATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME COULD BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED
IN THE FUTURE;

8. DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO THE REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

AND TO THE DETAILED INFORMATION THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IS SEEKING IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ITS ASSESSMENT OF RADIATION LEVELS;

9. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED;

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK AND THE DISSEMINATION OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC. UNQUOTE
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